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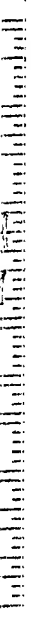
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In re Patent No. 6,551,107
Issued: April 22, 2003
Application No. 09/704,842
Filed: November 3, 2000
Attorney Docket No. 0019-0001

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed March 26, 2012, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

~~If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.378(e) must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. No extension of this two-month time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). This is not a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.~~

Any petition for reconsideration of this decision must be accompanied by the petition fee of \$400 as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(f). The petition for reconsideration must include the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

A petition to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee under 35 U.S.C. § 41(c) and 37 CFR 1.378(c) must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the delay was unintentional; (2) payment of the appropriate maintenance fee, unless previously submitted; (3) payment of the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2). This petition lacks item (1) listed above.

With regards to item (1), the petition must be signed by:

- 1) An attorney or agent of record appointed in compliance with § 1.34(b);
- 2) A registered attorney or agent not of record who acts in a representative capacity under the provisions of § 1.34(a);
- 3) The assignee of record of the entire interest, if there is an assignee of record of the entire interest;
- 4) An assignee of record of an undivided part interest, and any assignee(s) of the remaining interest and any applicant retaining an interest, if there is an assignee of record of an undividing part interest; or
- 5) All of the applicants (§§ 1.42.1.43 and 1.47) for patent, unless there is an assignee of record of the entire interest and such assignee has taken action in the application in accordance with §§ 3.71 and 3.73. (Form PTO/SB/96)

Petitioner has submitted a petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), however, the petition as signed cannot be accepted since Debra K. McMahon is not authorized to sign the instant petition. Further, petitioner has not established that the person who signed the petition form is authorized to sign on behalf of the patentee(s), assignee, or other party of interest. Consequently, the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), cannot be accepted at this time. A renewed petition with the proper signature as listed above is required.

Further, if the instant petition is on the behalf of the assignee, the petition does not comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b). 37 CFR 3.73(b) provides that: (1) when an assignee seeks to take action in a matter before the Office, the assignee must establish its ownership of the property to the satisfaction of the Commissioner; (2) ownership is established by submitting to the Office, in the Office file related to the matter in which action is sought to be taken, documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (e.g., copy of an executed assignment submitted for recording) or by specifying (e.g., reel and frame number) where such evidence is recorded in the Office; (3) the submission establishing ownership must be signed by a party authorized to act on behalf of the assignee; and (4) documents submitted to establish ownership may be required to be recorded as a condition to permitting the assignee to take action in a matter pending before the Office.

The current recorded assignee in the above-identified application is Cardioconcepts, Inc. Additionally, there is no Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) on record.

A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address on the petition; however, all future correspondence will be mailed solely to the address of record.

If this petition is not renewed or if renewed and not granted, then petitioner may request a refund of the maintenance and surcharge fees paid. The fee for requesting reconsideration is not refundable.

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